

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2014

Members Present: Monica Belyea, Alison Johnson, Krishna Winston

Others present: Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Belyea discussed the problem of breast pumps. Pumps are given to all new moms who have children in the HUSKY insurance program. These are single use items and none of them get recycled. Is there a way to recycle them? Could a collection program be set up? Ms. O'Rourke said she would look into the recyclability of the pumps and then go from there.

Ms. O'Rourke gave her report. She said she had to reschedule the composting meeting with the public schools twice, once because of snow and then because she was home with the flu. Hopefully, the meeting will be rescheduled in the next couple weeks.

The composting workshop with Middletown Adult Education was canceled on February 3 due to snow, flu and not enough people signing up. Ms. O'Rourke is thinking about presenting the workshop in the spring.

She said Rani Arbo and the Radio Host recorded with the Recycling Truck Driver this month and seemed happy with the results. It will be exciting to hear what comes of their project.

Ms. Winston reported that she visited the Swap Shack today and it was still locked at 9am.

She said she is having trouble at Fisk Hall with the recycling. She has been working with Wesleyan and hopes it will get resolved soon.

Wesleyan is working on the next phase of the President's Climate Report.

Swap Shack Schedule

Wed. Feb. 12	Krishna
Sat. Feb 15	Open
Wed. Feb. 19	Open
Wed Feb. 26	Monica
Sat. March 1	Krishna
Wed March 5	Alison

Ms. O'Rourke said she will email other members for the open slots.

Members discussed talking to the Sanitation District Commission about doing a pilot for single stream recycling and fair pricing. Ms. O'Rourke said she'd find out how many carts they have, so we can figure out the size of the pilot and then she'll work on revising the presentation. She'll try to have it all ready for the Commission's meeting on Feb. 25, but it may not happen until March.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Rourke
Recycling Coordinator